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This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

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This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract
61 pages of specification and claims (including 12 numbered claims), and
21 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.
☐ Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.
☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.
☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

| Application Number | Country | Day/Month/Year Filed |
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| 2002-209423 | Japan | 18 July 2002 |
| 2002-224361 | Japan | 1 August 2002 |
| 2002-224356 | Japan | 1 August 2002 |

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

- ☒ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.
☐ Certified copy(ies) filed on _____ in prior application no. _____ filed _____
☐ This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.
☐ This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. _____, filed _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.
☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.
☐ The prior application is assigned to _____
☐ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required.
☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.
☐ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

- ☒ Also attached: ☒ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Nucleotide and/ r Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; ☒ Other: Form PTO-1449 and cited references

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